

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes, 2021-2022 School Year

Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 – 6:30PM | Location Zoom/video call
Meeting called to order by A. Valente

In Attendance

- Mrs. D. Linardic (*Principal*), T. Rossi (*Treasurer*), A. Bruney-Francis (*Secretary*), A. Valente (*Parish Rep.*), A. Ghoura (*O.A.P.C.E. Rep.*), I. Pingyin (*parent member*), C. Ferrari (*Teaching Staff Rep.*)
- R. Ukwuoma (*Parent/Community Rep.*) joined at 6:31pm, N. Edwards (*Parent/Community Rep.*) joined at 6:32pm, Mrs. M. Vitale (*Vice-Principal*) joined at 6:33pm, V. Frantellizzi (*Parent/Community Rep.*) joined at 6:35pm, Y. Annobil (*Parent/Community Rep.*) joined at 6:58pm, A. Adeniyi (*Parent/Community Rep.*) joined at 7:pm

Regrets

- C. Calabrese (*Chair*), Mrs. Benedik (*Non-Teaching Staff Rep.*),
- A. Baltazar (*parent member*), C. Vigneault (*parent member*), L. DeLeo (*parent member*), G. Lee-Chung (*parent member*), S. Birnie (*parent member*)

Welcome Address (A. Valente)

- C. Calabrese was unable to attend tonight's meeting, therefore asked A. Valente to fill in & lead the meeting.
- A. Valente began the meeting at 6:30pm & welcomed everyone

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

- T. Rossi delivered the Land Acknowledgement to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for their stewardship of their land, & led everyone in prayer

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (A. Valente)

- Minutes from the last meeting, Nov. 4th, 2021, were emailed prior to this meeting for review. Floor was open for any questions; no questions posed.
- Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, approved by T. Rossi & N. Edwards

Treasurer Report (T. Rossi)

- T. Rossi requested to defer to next meeting as there hasn't been any account activities yet to report, but will schedule meeting with Mrs. Linardic about if any outstanding funds still to come to the School Council
- T. Rossi will go ahead with purchasing materials to make rosary bracelets for sacraments, as has been done in the past; agreed by Mrs. Linardic

O.A.P.C.E. Update (A. Ghoura)

- December 15th (7pm → 8pm) – Family Fun Night “Zengtangle” (virtual)

Principal's Report, Administrative Updates (Mrs. Linardic)

Faith:

- Bullying Awareness Week was Nov 22
- Advent retreat in plans for school
- Spirit week Dec 13th → 17th
- Music in the Halls (virtual)
- Tree of Hope- hat/mitts etc for Ste. Louise Outreach
- Support Services teaching about the Zones of Regulation in primary classrooms (self-regulation program) and Cyber safety in older classes

Date Reminder:

- December 7th, 2021
 - French Immersion Information Session for Grade 1 September 2022- link on board website
- December 8th, 2021
 - Virtual Advent Mass @ 10:00 am – link in community update
- December 9th, 2021
 - French Immersion Parent Literacy Night @ 6:30 – link in community update
- Mon. Dec. 20th, 2021
 - Christmas holidays
- Mon. Jan. 3rd, 2022
 - Return to school

Kindergarten Registration for 2022→2023

- Online registration opens: Tuesday, December 7th, 2021
- Kindergarten registration drive: January 11th → 14th, 2022

Community:

- Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
 - Raised \$294 (sold approximately \$1200)
- Selling individually packaged cookies from Terra Cotta
 - Must be pre-ordered and through SchoolCash Online

Curriculum:

- Pastoral plan is posted on the school website

Other:

- Change to recesses
 - Challenges with students staying in cohorts
 - Challenges with student interactions, closer teacher supervision and gradually go back to original schedule in the new year
- Sports:
 - Intermediate Basketball and Volleyball teams, in school playing only
- Mrs. Gallant will be returning as 0.5 secretary January 3rd, 2022

Parish Update

- December 11th, 2021, from 9am → 2pm parishioners and vendors can sell their Christmas goodies, crafts, decorations etc. Email gapfundraising@gmail.com to reserve a table.
- December 4th, 2021 is the advent retreat please call the Parish for details.

Fundraising Update

- **FlipGive** – Approximately \$62 raised this school year (sales ending Nov 22nd, 2021)
- **Domino's Pizza** – First dough raising event scheduled for November 10th generated \$450. Next event TBD
- **Big Box Card Fundraiser** – Approved by council for February 2022 execution
 - Cost Changes:
 - Current Card Box Cost: \$22 moving to \$24
 - Current Card Box Retail: \$33 moving to \$35
 - \$2 cost/retail increase
 - Profit remains the same: \$11 per box/ 31%
 - Timing/Dates:
 - Flyers and support materials arrive at the school: Wed. February 16th
 - Campaign launches, and video and parent letter and announcement flyers go home with the families on Tues. February 22nd
 - Event ends/orders come in by Mon. March 7th
 - Prizes, (provided by Big Box):
 - A 32 GB Apple iPod Touch or an 8 inch Samsung tablet "A" if the school sells over 400-boxes in total
 - 4 X \$25 gift cards top retailers if the school sells 150-boxes or more
 - 2 X \$25 gift cards top retailers if the school sells 75-boxes or more

Other Items

- Mrs. Linardic mentioned that the School Board has come back & said School Council members are actually not allowed in the school building to help out with BigBox fundraiser as previously informed.
 - Mrs. Cunningham & her grade 8 class has volunteered to step in & organize this BigBox card fundraiser
- V. Frantellizzi mentioned (Merici) school should be speaking more (advertising) how DPCDSB is praised for Indigenous activities done & still doing. *(Like individuals who have been Indigenous reps & have done presentations with Merici school).*
- spirit wear for special event
 - school staff said "Identity" topic for embroidery
 - approx. 450-students & staff but Mrs. Linardic will confirm to make sure includes online students
 - tshirt pricing approx. \$6 → \$7-ea, or can get toques to avoid different sizing issues, or plastic water bottles \$2.30+tx
 - all can have "Merici" also printed/embroidered on product
 - V. Frantellizzi likes tshirt idea as can be used all year round, but toques only worn during winter months & may only be Feb/Mar this school year
 - T. Rossi asked if teachers can get sizes while in class & control that small number, or have parents fill out survey form to indicate size for each student
 - C. Ferrari pointed out that toques may end up in lost & found due to everyone has same toque; likes tshirt for Spring time to give us time to get sizes
 - give students chance to submit design/drawing
 - C. Ferrari volunteered to work with Mme. Deveau-Matthews to get blurb to send to students of what is required for contest of design/ drawing on
 - Ferrari will try to get Isaac (one of the Indigenous reps used in past for various Indigenous activities) to help do video presentation to then present to school students for guidance on design/drawing submissions
 - In favour of tshirts: A. Valente, R. Uokuoma, V. Frantellizzi, A. Bruney-Francis
 - Rossi to allocate \$3200 to include for all needing tshirts

Next Meeting

- Next School Council mtg dates:
 - Thurs. Feb. 3rd, 2022
 - Thurs. Apr. 7th, 2022
 - Thurs. May 26th, 2022
- All meetings are scheduled to be held virtually, until we get closer to that date & know more about any restrictions being lifted due to COVID safety. When held virtually, a link will be sent out by the School Council Chair within a few days before that scheduled meeting date.

Conclusion

- Mrs. Linardic & M. Valente thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting, a Merry Christmas, happy holiday, & good night.
- Meeting adjourned 7:13pm